

## LEST WE FORGET ....

With profound gratitude and with sincere fondness we recall the memories of our beloved friends who are not in our midst to rejoice the termination of the conflict for which they have offered the supreme sacrifice that we may continue to be the land of the free.



Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine on them.

## FAIRHOPE

T. A. Williams  
Fred Ernissee  
Harell Taylor  
Wm. K. McInnis  
Charles Lee  
Worth McCue  
Vernon Straum  
Pat A. Arnold  
Abbie Dismukes  
Vaunelle Jernigan  
Stephen W. Smith  
Ernest Barry Gaston  
C. James Huling  
Andrew H. Torrey  
Chas. Demos, Jr.  
Wm. Middlebrooks  
Franklin Parker Totten  
George Dearborn, Jr.  
Robert C. Wilkie  
Donald Newman  
Walter Byer, Jr.

## L. Y. S.

Kazy Charles Rudauskas

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Joseph Chopek  
Joseph Gorski  
James Hall  
Ted Inzurello  
Ted Diakow-Stawasz  
John B. Tatarski  
Adam Wojcik  
Chester Obal  
Bruno Zurawski  
Mitchell Luczek  
Chester Wilczinski  
Joseph Placzinik  
Joseph Piczor  
John Sperka  
Ted Mikos  
Henry Dutkiewicz  
Frank Witek  
Stanley Papciak

## Friends

Edward J. Pučkorius  
John Rukštala  
Hugh M. Fraser

Joseph Rigas  
John Wasiliauskas  
Joe M. Divin  
Lou J. Divin  
John Hoover  
Charles Chr. Contos  
Jack Solomon

## SHATTERING ILLUSIONS

Looking through the staggering list of my personal friends who have died in the service of their country, and having in mind all the innocent victims who were ruthlessly slaughtered by the Germans and Russians, including my own parents, brothers, a sister and many relatives, I wonder if our boys have died in vain. Do the slain rest in peace? Is injustices to remain unrectified?

In spite of our past experience, we have never learned that wars do not solve problems nor end wars. Only justice solves problems; justice for all, small and large. The world became horrified at the great injustice, oppression and aggression committed at the hands of the Germans. We have cried out against that treachery. With flowery terms we have set forth, amidst pomp and flag waving, the Atlantic Charter of Four Freedoms so that all subjected people may be free for all time. This time we thought, indeed, it will be the war that will end war for it will have ended tyranny and brought justice to all. The war is ended; we find ourselves betrayed. Have our boys died that England and the others may retain their empires and continue exploitation of them? Have we fought this war that Russia may subjugate and exterminate defenseless nations so that her imperialistic aims may materialize? Who gives a damn about little nations, about justice?

Double crossing the people, cheating our boys who now rot in foreign soil out of their lives, and shedding the blood of millions of other victims: these are not methods with which to establish universal peace on earth. Buddha, India's great religious master said thousands of years ago: "This is the true law of life: from good must come good, from evil must come evil." I see no good forthcoming, since this war ended, not with justice, but with desire for booty, for expansion and the further subjugation of others. Distrust among the victors, none of whom seem to be satisfied with the spoils, but only eager for more, already proves that we are heading toward more bloodshed. And blood is shed throughout Europe and Asia! —VFB.

## Mrs. Constance Kungis

EXTENDS HOLIDAY CHEER  
TO ALL LYS'rs AND VILTIS  
READERS

## MERRY XMAS HARRY



Pfc. Harry Browne Fink

Harry's proud grandmother, Mrs. John Fink, extends her sincerest greetings for a very joyous holiday season to Harry and his netire company. Harry is now in Korea with Company E, 17th Infantry. Harry, now 18 years old, a native of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, was attending the Arkansas University when drafted, and received his basic at Lubbock, Texas. Viltis too sends greetings to you and all fellow G-I's in far off Korea.

## Season's Greetings from the WELCH FAMILY

Mrs. Edna Welch, Bill and  
Charlotte

WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN.

## Holiday Greetings to our NORTHWESTERNS

Northwestern  
U. Settlement House  
CHICAGO

MISS HARRIET VITTUM  
Head Resident

## A Joyous Holiday and a Healthful Year to

All Friends of Cottage Hill and  
VILTIS Readers

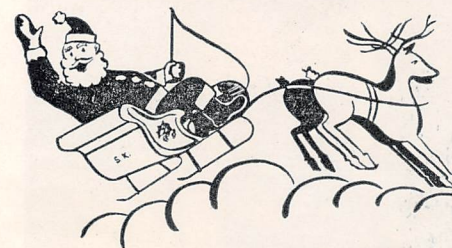
Mr. TOM RABY  
MOBILE, ALA.

## Holiday Cheer From JACKIE McNAMARA

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Holiday Greetings from  
Mrs. Mary Emma Hoover  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

## A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO VILTIS AND FRIENDS



Mr. Steve Baran  
Mrs. Nora Baran  
Sandy Beach Hunt  
Mrs. John Fink  
A. Braynard Nelson  
Cyril Brennan  
Harry H. Pinney  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hargrave  
Henry James, S 1/C  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. K. Chen  
Celia Giebutowska  
Florence Giebutowska  
Evelyn Giebutowska  
Emily Czernek  
Mary Czernek  
Chester Szylder  
Helen Arendt  
Bernice Wisniewska  
Ellen H. Stenson  
Peggy Wolf  
Helen Wecker  
Roy Burwen  
Pfc. Leslie Waller  
Mrs. M. J. Divin  
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Zunker  
Anthony Frederick Zunker  
Edna Irene Cerny  
Nora Sauer  
Jane Matecunas  
Patsie McNamara  
Pinkie Richardson  
S/Sgt. Louis Denov  
Mrs. Cahill  
Dorothea Cahill  
Edith Hirsh  
Helen Banach

## Season's Greetings to Viltis and Our Friends

REV. AND MRS. EUGENE TEN  
BRINK AND CAROL EILEEN  
ITHACA, N. Y.

## Holiday Greetings to all LYS'rs and readers of VILTIS

AL AND HELEN LANKUS  
CHICAGO

## Holiday Cheer To VILTIS Readers and Fairhopeans

LT. JAMES CASEBERE  
Manila, Phillipine Isles



## ALFAS LANKUS

This is Al. There is more about him in the "Vet" section. Al entered the service on March, 1943 and went into the Infantry. He was transferred to the Air Force on August, 1943. Al flew 30 missions over Germany, hitting Berlin, Wilhelmshaven, Hamburg, and various other targets. He was awarded the Air Medal, four Oak Leaf Clusters, and three Battle Stars. Staff/Sgt. Al became a civilian on Oct. 14th.

Al married Helen Kungis on August 16th, 1941. They were LYS members for many years and were Folk Festival Vets. Al and Helen are one of the sixty or more couples who can blame me and LYS for meeting their life partners. However, all who got married because of LYS association are thus far very happily wed. (Knock on wood.) I hope that they all stay happily married for the rest of their lives.

## THE ATOMIZATION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY

By SIDNEY J. JACOBS

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(Continued from last month)  
What about Palestine, Zionism?

Long before Zionist theoreticians appeared on the scene with formulas and programs, the masses of Jews had perceived, perhaps intuitively, that Palestine was an essential element in the composition of Jewish life, and a necessary requisite for Jewish continuity.

Palestine to the Jew has never been the answer to any need for a flag, a governmental bureaucracy, or a military caste. Palestine has not been an answer to any Jewish longings for empire, for victory parades, for arches beneath

which the oppressor could be led in chains.

A Jewish Homeland revived was longed for and prayed for because Jews somehow understood that a homeless and landless status could not continue without a consequent decadence of Jewish life everywhere. The basis of a folk, reduced to its most elementary and unsophisticated terms, it is land, the mystical tie between man and the soil. (The great Hebrew poet, Bialik, said that a people has much heaven for its head as it has land under its feet.)

This bond could not be created on shifting sands of dispersion. Jews felt that the soil of Palestine was intrinsically theirs, that they had poured their blood and their love into it, and that it had not yielded sour grapes. It has yielded instead prophets and sages, who articulated great concepts of peace and brotherhood and social justice. It was a land that had witnessed rebellion against the tyranny of the Greek and the Roman, the uprising against the exploitation of corrupt Jewish priests and monarchs.

On its soil, slaves became free men at the end of specified periods, and the land reverted back to a theoretical people's ownership.

For a while, the Ghetto served as the instrument of national integrity. Within its confines, Jews attempted to maintain a self-sufficient cultural existence. But it could not be. The Jew could not remain a separatist. Mingle he had to eventually with the world, giving to it of his genius and absorbing from it what was good and wise.

As external forces had impelled the Jew into an involuntary Ghetto, external forces, centuries later, broke down the walls of this social, cultural and political Pale of Settlement in Europe. And as Jews became part of the stream of humanity, the tragic consequences of the cultural homelessness of the people became manifest. The price of emancipation became disintegration and assimilation.

There were and are myopic Jews who have said, "This is good and right. The mission of Israel is to be scattered among the peoples, to spread peace and justice and light," just as there were and are peppermint-stick non-Jews who have lisped that "This is the best of all possible world." But to those who have not lived in a political vacuum, it has been clear that a few million Jews could not become the instruments of world change, and that, on the other hand, the peculiar Jewish genius lauded by our friends and feared by our foes, was linked with the maintenance of a Jewish